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JOHN THOMAS McCOMB.

1862—1918.

John Thomas McComb was a native of Illinois. He was born in Chicago September 26, 1862, and died in the city of his birth December 20, 1918. He received the usual educational advantages of a city boy. He attended the public schools of his neighborhood. He was a student at the Washington school, and later the Carpenter school, from which he graduated. He attended the high school for two years, but was unable to complete the course, as he was obliged to go to work to earn his living. His first position was with the Western Union Telegraph Company, as messenger or office boy. He rose by promotions until he became assistant shipping clerk. He left the Western Union Company to enter the government service in the Chicago postoffice, in the mail carriers' department. He remained in this department serving in various capacities until his death. He was on duty for his department when the accident occurred which caused his death. He was on the corner of Kinzie Street and LaSalle Avenue when he was struck by a Sedgwick Street car and his head was injured. He did not recover from this injury and died December 20, 1918.

Mr. McComb is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret McComb. There were no children.

John T. McComb was interested in politics and in history, particularly was he interested in the history of Illinois and Cook County. He attempted to make up by study for the lack of educational opportunities of his youth. He was for several years a member of the Illinois State Historical Society and took a deep interest in its work. He greatly enjoyed the Society's publications. His kind words of appreciation and his letters of encouragement were sources of help and inspiration to the officers of the Historical Society.

A kindly man, a good citizen and a faithful friend has gone from the world in the passing of John Thomas McComb.